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Investigators Ask for Public's Help in Foxborough Arson

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Foxborough Deputy Chief Steven Bagley said their joint investigation into the September 22 fire at 6 Springbrook Road in Foxborough has determined the fire was intentionally set. The early morning fire at Tree Tech, Inc. a tree service company, was set after the building was broken into.

State Fire Marshal Coan said, "Arson is not a victimless crime and it impacts the entire neighborhood and the entire community. We are asking if anyone has information that they come forward. Many arson cases are solved by when the community fights back."

Foxborough Deputy Chief Steven Bagley said, "We are asking for the public's support in solving this crime. If anyone saw or heard anything that might seem relevant now, we ask them to call the confidential Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229." He added, "The Arson Hotline is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program, which offers rewards of up to \$5,000 for information that solves the crime of arson." The property and casualty insurance underwriting companies of Massachusetts sponsor the Arson Watch Reward Program.

The fire is being jointly investigated by the fire investigators from the Foxborough Fire Department, detectives from the Foxborough Police Department, state police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).